

**CONCURRING STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

Re: COMSAT Corporation; Request for Reduction of Regulatory Fees For Fiscal Years 1998, 2000, and 2001; Fee Control Nos. 0109268835483010, et al.

I concur in today's decision because I do not believe it is an entirely consistent application of our existing regulatory fee methodology. While I have long advocated a general overhaul of that methodology, absent comprehensive reform I do not believe we should make exceptions—especially retroactive ones—that deprive the Commission of a substantial sum of money.